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any reduction in fishing areas would be bad for local fishermen, The monk seals are not being harmed by fishermen, do not take the already limited fishing areas away from the locals. We have been fishing my whole life and would not like any changes to the way I live my life and gather the food that my family eats. The ocean is where I get alot of my food to feed my family. I depend on the ocean for about 1/4th the food that we eat. we eat seafood about 2-3 times a week.

Nobody that I know has harmed a seal but some people that I have talked to said that if you cannot fish when get one seal on the beach/or in the area where you want ot go fish then if nobody stay around then they gonna chase the seal away.. That is something that they don't do now. So now you got think if its better or nopt to change the rules. I as a fisherman will not fish if I see a seal in the area. but I will keep fishing if I am fishing and a seal comes into the area that I am fishing. I will keep fishing and hope that the seal will not stay in the area. Alot of time the seal will just stay for a little while then go away. If he stays and keep chasing away the fish then I will leave. it has happen to me both ways.

if you have any questions get back to me and I will be happy to talk to you

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